

REMARKS**Claim Status**

Claims 1-8 are pending.

Claims 9-15 are cancelled.

Claims 16-24 are newly added.

Restriction

In response to the requirement for restriction, Applicants elect the invention of group I, namely claims 1-8. Claims directed to the non-elected group II, namely claims 9-15 are hereby canceled without prejudice.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The Office Action rejects claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Nelson (U.S. Patent No. 6,046,647) (hereafter "Nelson").

Telephone Interview

On May 2, 2005, Examiner and Applicant's attorney agreed that claim 1 amended in a manner substantially similar to that provided herein would be allowable over Nelson. Claims 2-8 depend from allowable Claim 1 and thus are allowable for at least the same reasons as pertain to Claim 1.

New Claims

No new matter is added. New Claims 16-24 are supported for example in FIG. 3 and accompanying text.

New Claim 16 depends from allowable Claim 1 and thus is allowable for at least the same reasons as pertain to Claim 1.

New Claim 17 includes some limitations similar to those recited in amended Claim 1. Accordingly new Claim 17 is allowable. New Claims 18-20 depend from allowable new Claim 17 and thus are allowable for at least the same reasons as pertain to Claim 17.

Similarly, new claim 21 includes some limitations similar to those in amended Claim 1. Accordingly new Claim 21 is allowable. New Claims 22-24 depend from allowable new Claim 21 and thus are allowable for at least the same reasons as pertain to Claim 21.

Accordingly, because all pending claims are allowable (namely, claims 1-8 and 16-24), applicant respectfully requests that all claims be allowed. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, please call the applicants' attorney, Glen Choi, at (212) 661-5488.

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Respectfully submitted,

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